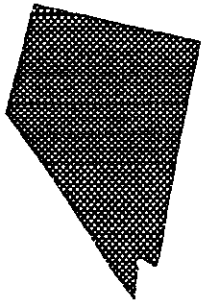


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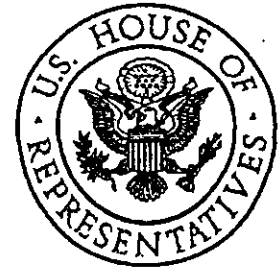
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GIBBONS STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Washington, D.C. --- After receiving a personal briefing by ~~Lake Burdett~~ of the Department of ~~Energy (DOE)~~ on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for use of Yucca Mountain as a high-level nuclear waste storage facility, U.S. Congressman Jim Gibbons (R-Nevada) released the following statement:

- 1 [“This draft EIS is terrible. The DOE intentionally failed to address community and transportation impacts. This report is embarrassing by any scientific measure or standard. An EIS is used to determine what impacts could occur as a result of this repository at Yucca -- the DOE’s draft does not accomplish this most important of tasks. Nevadans, as well as all concerned Americans, must weigh-in on this issue. There are still many unanswered questions that must be addressed. [The
- 2 public’s unbiased and intense scrutiny will determine the validity of the information contained in this EIS. It is critical that this draft be made available for public scrutiny.] I remain committed to working together with my colleagues in the Nevada delegation, and we look forward to continue our work with Governor Guinn and our fellow Nevadans to analyze this information.
- 3 [“Of particular note is a blaring absence of information on transportation route impacts. Without a hint of route information, the impact these proposed shipments would have on the communities cannot be determined. What I do know from past experiences with DOE is that their main determination for route selection is based on minimum cost -- of the dollar -- not of human life. This cannot be the case. Nevada’s families must come first. There can be no other way.”]

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